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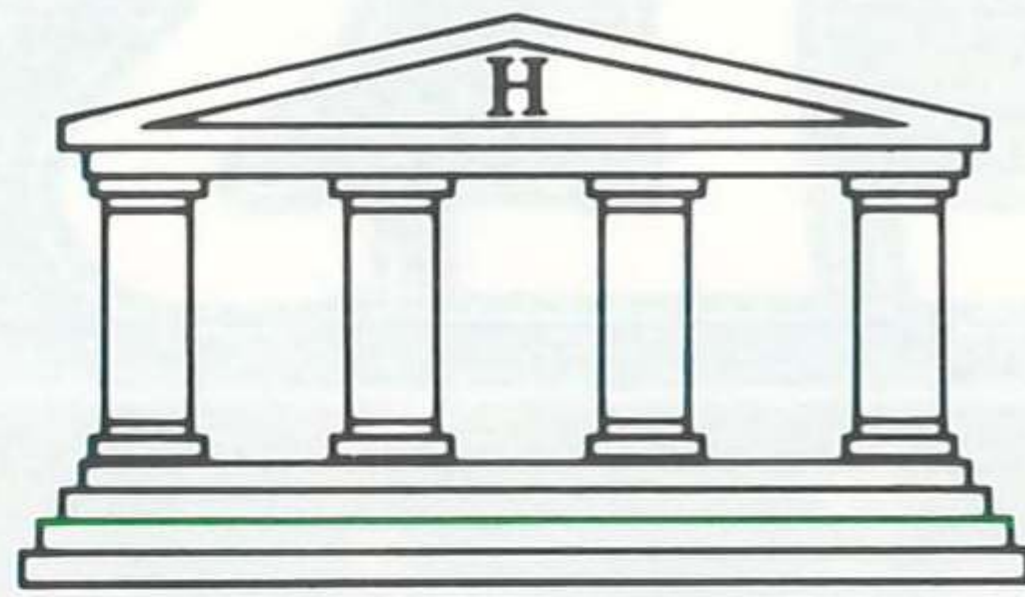
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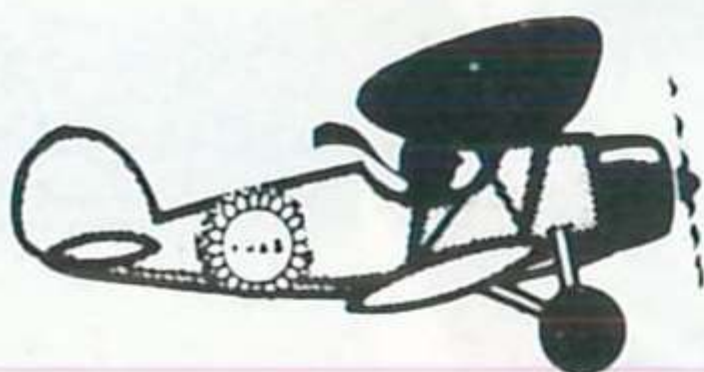
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Manager Jock Wallace

There has been a lot of talk recently surrounding players going on the transfer list and I think it's time I explained the situation. In fact there is no such thing as a 'transfer list' at this time of year.

That can only happen at the end of the season. But players can make the situation known by putting in a written request and conversely clubs can make it known to other clubs that they have players who might be surplus to requirements. Let me make it clear, though, that the players here have asked to get away and usually it is because they are not in the first team. In John O'Neill's case it is because he wants First Division football — who doesn't? — and because he wants to further his international career with Northern Ireland. Steve Lynex, in his own words, wants to go because of 'personal problems' and although I obviously can't say any more about that I would add that I understand his situation 100%. It's important to remember when this kind of talk is in the air that Mark Wallington and Tommy Williams have both been in this situation as well and it didn't deter them from playing well.

There were no enquiries for them then and they have gone on to be influential players here. But whatever happens there is never any animosity between players wanting away and myself. The Geoff Scott situation is that his loan period to Birmingham City should have ended this weekend but Ron Saunders phoned me and asked if we would extend it for another month. We have agreed that further release and even if Birmingham end up not wanting Scotty the First Division is obviously a good 'shop window' for him. It's not my usual policy to discuss things like this in public but I feel our supporters deserve to be put completely in the picture.

We now have games coming up against Bolton today, Newcastle on Tuesday night and, of course, Shrewsbury next Saturday and I can say that there is a scramble on for first team places. I could field four or five different formations at the moment — competition is as close as that — and no-one currently in the side can afford to be sloppy or lack commitment. I would like to welcome George Mulhall and his team here today. Let's now produce a cracking game — and let's hope the result goes our way!

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Alan Bennett's COMMENT

The Solihull Chairmen's Seminar last weekend proved, as expected, to be a most useful forum for an exchange of ideas on the future of our game.

As I said last week, the Seminar is not a time for decisions but is ideal for providing the platform of discussion which chairmen take back to their clubs for examination in detail before decision time at a full meeting of clubs later.

Much of this week's routine Leicester Board Meeting was taken up in listening to Chairman Terry Shipman's report on the Seminar.

I liked especially the proposals for a radical change in the off-side law.

It seems that the consensus of opinion at Solihull was in favour of the penalty area line being extended to the full width of the pitch with the large area between penalty areas being free of the off-side restrictions.

To me, such a change would be the best possible to brighten up the spectacle that professional football can present to you, the spectator.

I'm sure much of the sparkle that older supporters say is missing from today's game is caused solely by the tactics we all employ of closing up the game in midfield. And the easiest way clubs can do that is by pushing up the defence in midfield towards the halfway line, forcing back the forwards who have to retire to avoid being off-side.

To make a big area free of off-side would in one stroke allow forwards to push up towards their opponents' goal and also give vital space in midfield to let the creative skills prosper.

One thing we mustn't do and that's to let the proposal — and other far-reaching ideas — be bogged down and eventually forgot-

ten because some FIFA committee in Switzerland can't make up its mind.

If necessary, we in The Football League must be prepared to play our own League matches in rules that suit us and you. If FIFA — or even The Football Association — won't or can't agree, then surely we must go it alone, reverting to the standard rules for international, European or, if necessary, FA Cup-ties.

Of course, that wouldn't be ideal. But if it is a choice between that or letting our League game fade away because we can't under the present rules provide the spectacle that you want to see, then to me there's only one way that choice can go.

Another proposal that pleased me is the one to undertake a full-scale advertising campaign through TV and the Press.

Football is a multi-million pound industry and despite the huge free media time and space we get through normal news coverage, I still believe that advertising can help us. After all, the TV and Press rightly say what they think in their own time, and the only way we can be sure of getting over the message we want is by paid advertising. Indeed, it could well be that if we become valued advertising clients of the media, some of the critical and damaging coverage we get at present might take on a different hue!

To turn to City affairs, may I say how delighted we have been at the response to our Cup game against Shrewsbury in the form of ticket sales. I have had one or two complaints that regular supporters have not got tickets, but we have supplied both personal and postal applicants with tickets for some days both in the seating and standing areas.

And, I must repeat, the **only** guarantee of getting a ticket for a big match is to be a Season Ticket Holder. All other systems merely provide priority, with the endless arguments as to rights and wrongs.

LEICESTER CITY v SHREWSBURY TOWN FA CHALLENGE CUP — SIXTH ROUND Saturday 6th March 1982 — Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

THIS MATCH WILL BE ALL-TICKET

At the time of writing all tickets, both seating and standing, available to Leicester City FC have been sold with the exception of Family Club and Supporters Club tickets.

Family Club tickets will be on sale after this afternoon's match to Members only from the refreshment kiosk in the Family Enclosure, one per member. Family Club Season Ticket Holders are reminded that their tickets are **NOT** valid for the game, and that tickets reserved for them will not be retained after this afternoon.

In the event of any Family Club tickets remaining

after today, membership of the Family Club will re-open on Monday morning, 10 a.m., for any supporters wishing to join the club and purchase a ticket. **TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD TO NON-MEMBERS.**

Supporters Club tickets are being handled by the Supporters Club, and details of sales and availability can be obtained from Supporters Club Officers in their enclosure this afternoon.

In the event of any tickets being returned by Shrewsbury Town FC, an announcement will be made through the local press and radio.

LEAGUE CUP FINAL BALLOT WINNERS

The winners of our League Cup final Ballot were picked out on Thursday by Leicester Mercury Sports Writer Bill Anderson. The winners who each receive two standing tickets are as follows: C. Randell, Glenfield, Leicester; R. Sanders, Duddington, Nr. Stamford; R. G. Jones, Nailstone, Nuneaton; R. M. Partridge, Ibstock, Leics.; H. Underwood, Oadby, Leics.; H. Hodgkin, Caldecote, Mkt. Harborough; P. Tomlin, Great Glen, Leics.; J. E. Barnett, Oakham; Miss J. Watkins, Hinckley and P. Wiltshire, Leicester.

All winners will receive notification through the post.

SK4 standing season ticket holders who have not yet claimed their tickets must do so by 5 pm Monday 1st March.

CITY DESK



by Graham Clark



OLD FRIENDS GET TOGETHER AGAIN AT FILBERT STREET

Old friends met up at the recent Cup match against Watford at Filbert Street. Our photograph shows, from the left, City Life Member Mr W. S. G. (Sid) Needham OBE, Sir Stanley Rous, Life Member Mr L. T. (Len) Shipman CBE and Chairman Terry Shipman.

Sir Stanley, of course, is one of football's best-known and best-loved figures and was Football Association secretary when Mr Needham and Mr Shipman joined the FA Council.

CITY PEOPLE PICK BEST SCOTS ELEVEN

City manager Jock Wallace, Public Relations Officer Graham Clark and Eddie Kelly went into the Scottish team selection business last week.

The City trio were asked to name their best Scotland team from the past 20 years.

And there was a considerable difference of opinion in the three sides.

Players who gained unanimous agreement were goalkeeper Bill Brown, Danny McGrain, Dave Mackay, Jim Baxter, Denis Law, Kenny Dalglish and John Robertson.

Other names included — but not in all three — were John Grieg, John White, Alan Hansen, Frank McLintock, Asa Hartford, Eddie McCreadie, Jimmy Johnstone, Archie Gemmill, Tommy Gemmell, Eric Caldow, Billy McNeill.

There are a few interesting names in that lot!

The selections are to be used in conjunction with a sports evening for Lanark Lanimer Day which is one of the oldest festivals in the world.

RECORD RECEIPTS AGAINST WATFORD

The recent FA Cup fifth round tie against Watford produced record receipts for Filbert Street.

The total — slightly different to the figure first announced was £69,313.80.

That money, of course, is split three ways after expenses with a share to the Football Association and another to Watford.

As things stand at the moment it looks as if that figure will be bettered against Shrewsbury.

THE CALL OF THE CUP

On the subject of the Cup it cer-

tainly seems to have an appeal all of its own.

Seat tickets went on sale at Filbert Street immediately after the sixth round draw was made and were sold out in only four days!

One gentleman even arrived at 6.30 a.m. but had to wait a little while before being served!

CITY ROADSHOW NEVER STOPS!

The City Roadshow has taken off in such a big way that what was first hoped to be one a month is developing into one a week!

The forum involving Filbert Street officials and players has already visited numerous schools in the city and is now getting involved out of town as well.

Newbold Verdon and Enderby are coming up in addition to schools closer to hand.



A GOOD CAUSE

The Leicester Boys' and Girls' Summer Camp and Institute will be holding a collection at Filbert Street on the day of the Queens Park Rangers match on 13th March.

The Association run a holiday home at Mablethorpe (see picture) and it is funded entirely on voluntary contributions.

The Home has been established for some 80 years and each year allows around 1,000 children between 8 and 12 a holiday they might not otherwise have.

Please give generously that afternoon.

MEASURE AND BOOK FOR CITY

City Director Mr Dennis Sharp has passed on to the club a beautiful silver drinks measure and a book on our history which were given to him and his wife by Miss K. Leach and Miss W. Leach of Leicester.

We were delighted to receive both items and would like to thank all concerned.

GOING DUTCH FOR A PEN-PAL

We have received a letter from a gentleman in Holland who would like a City pen-pal.

Henk van der Sluis, Zuideinde 32, 2671 MH Naaldwijk, Holland is a member of The Continentals, a group of people who follow English football closely, and he would like to write to someone who supports City.

L.C.F.C. SUPPORTER

One of the very latest people to join the ranks of City supporters is weeks-old Louise Clare Frances Corkett.

Have a closer look at that name and you will see that young Miss Corkett is something of a fan by her initials at least . . . L.C.F.C.!

In fact, the Corketts of Mowmacre Hill are all staunch supporters. Mum Bev and dad Gary are both very keen and son Trevor has been a City mascot at one of the games.

PROGRAMME REQUEST FROM LANCASHIRE

Raymond Ashley of 8 Hall Park Avenue, Cliviger, Burnley, Lancashire BB10 4JJ has been in touch enquiring about certain City programmes.

Mr Ashley is looking for League Cup programmes from 1964 against West Ham and Stoke and from the following year against Plymouth Argyle and Chelsea.

Anyone who can help should contact Mr Ashley at the above address or on 0282 35869.

ANOTHER JUNIOR FOX CLUB PRIZEWINNER

The latest winner from a competition in the exclusive Junior Fox Club News was Greig Fantom from Coalville.

Greig met his hero, Mark Wallington, before last weekend's match and was presented with an autograph book and two tickets for the Watford Cup-tie.



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Our goal against Blackburn was a real scrambled affair and here you see how it happened . . .

1. Steve Lynex in the thick of it after a header was cleared off the line. Note Andy Peake hovering; 2. Andy then has a crack but once again Rovers' bodies get in the way; 3. At last! Andy celebrates with City colleagues; 4. Alan Young on the attack — puts in a powerful header. Pictures by Neville Chadwick Photography.



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Steve Mackenzie, a hero of Manchester City's FA Cup Final run last year, suddenly found himself outside John Bond's future plans and on his way to the Hawthorns.

Later he was joined by Andy King, from Queens Park Rangers and the versatile and adaptable Clive Whitehead from Bristol City.

Allied with arguably the best pair of full backs in the First Division — Brendan Batson and Derek Staham —



Gary Owen — on the list.

and the formidable central defending pair of John Wile and Alistair Robertson the new Albion began to take shape.

Albion received their bonus when centre forward Cyrille Regis began to show the form everyone had suspected. Suddenly he was the man the media clamoured for to lead England's attack in Spain and as the big man began to score goals as if there was no tomorrow there was a certain logic in the argument.

Perhaps Allen's cleverest signing, however, was in

his back room staff where former Gillingham manager Gerry Summers was appointed coach. Summers has succeeded in getting the best out of Albion and the obviously talented playing staff.

The changes were not entirely complete, however. Gary Owen, the England under-21 international, was placed on the transfer list after failing to agree new terms with the club.

It says much for Ronnie Allen that despite losing Robson and Moses, Barnes and, with Owen discontent, the Albion were being widely tipped as the side to watch in cup competitions.

It was no surprise that he picked up a Bell's Manager of the Month award but Allen's reaction was typical — it is the players who in the end produce the results. But, with wise buying, a manager has got to have the right players in the first place.

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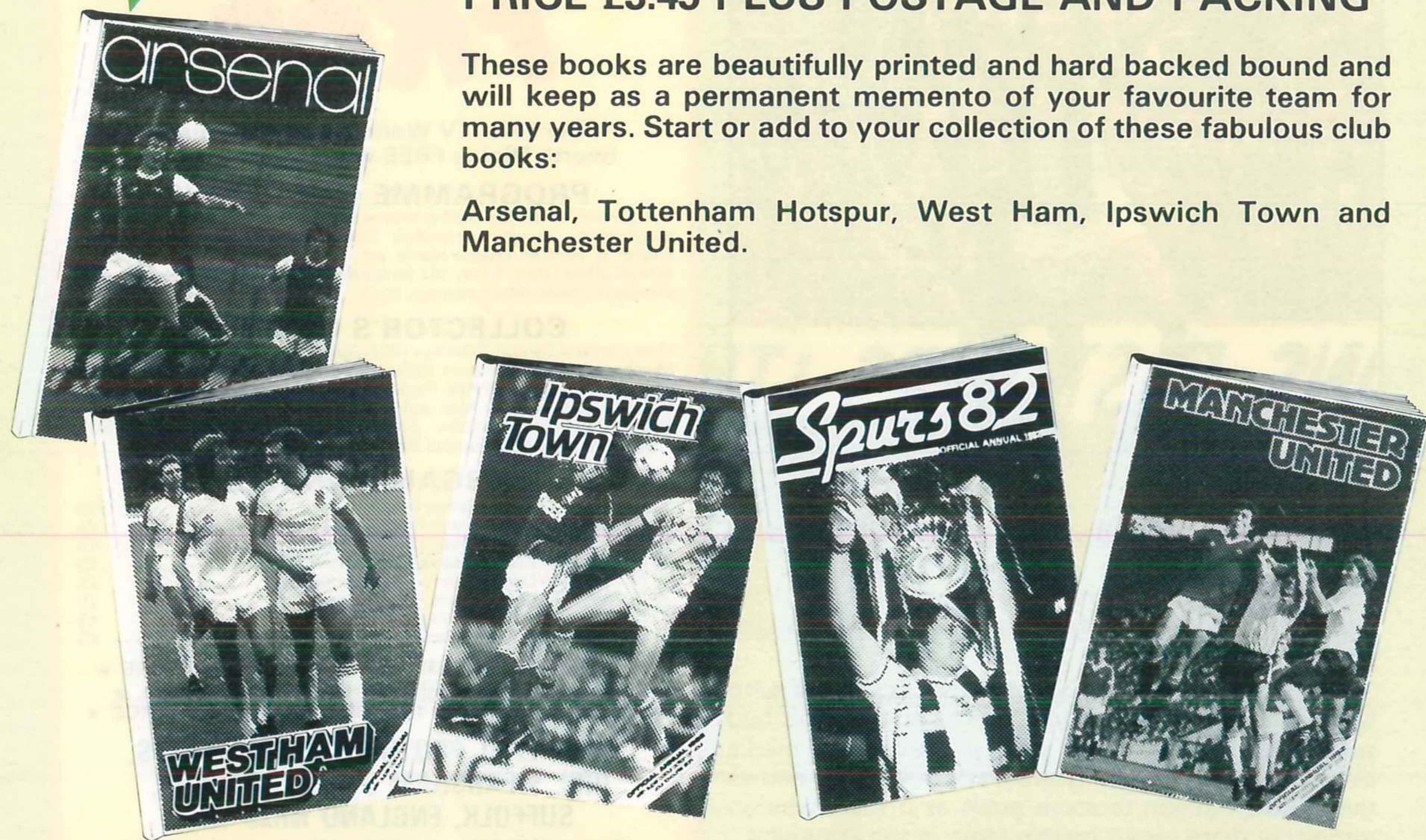
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When the FA banned Chelsea supporters from attending any further away games this season the rest of football became victims of the retribution.

The Chelsea gangs had caused mayhem from Cambridge to Derby and the only obvious solution was to ban the warring hordes from travelling. That in itself is not easy because you can not encroach on the liberties of the individual and so the only solution open to the governing body was to make it as difficult as possible for Chelsea fans to get into the games.

The answer then was to make all Chelsea's away games all-ticket matches with no tickets to be sold on the day of the game, and no allocation to be allotted to the London club. In essence that scheme has worked quite well in as much as it has achieved the overall effect of limiting the Chelsea support to a bare minimum but alas it has been done at a cost. . . and at a cost to the innocent home clubs.

Little Hull City are one club who have suffered. Following an excellent draw at Stamford Bridge in the Third Round of the FA Cup which was played on the Monday because of the weather, the replay at Boothferry Park had to be staged on the following Thursday. That left just two days for the Tigers to sell their tickets and of course prevented many regulars from outlying areas from seeing the match.

The upshot of it all was an outraged public and an anti-Hull City Football Club feeling just when the impoverished Fourth Division club had the opportunity to foster good relations with their disillusioned fans and entice long lost supporters back to Boothferry Park.

"This can only be bad for the game, we wanted to foster goodwill with our public and encourage them to come and watch us, but instead we have had to turn away thousands," lamented Hull Secretary Mac Stone.

Among those die hard supporters barred from the match were four oil rig workers who had flown specially by helicopter from their North Sea outpost to Aberdeen and then by air to Leeds where they were met and driven to the ground. "We had to turn them away" says Stone, "you can imagine what they think of our club."

Even regular supporters who had been unable to apply for their tickets in advance were barred and one disgruntled regular made it quite clear that he would not be attending again.

The only smiles were on the faces of the ticket touts who really cashed in on the situation. They were charging £6 for £1.50 ground tickets, and these vultures will continue to prosper on the back of the Chelsea ban.

Back in London FA spokesman Dick Bird expressed some concern and said: "We are aware that clubs have been put to a lot of inconvenience but what can you do? We have to make the culprits realise that their behaviour is not acceptable and not tolerable and we have done that as effectively and fairly as we could."

One sympathises with the authorities dilemma but the whole Chelsea saga leaves a nasty taste in the mouth and the £1,000 compensation the Londoners have to pay their opponents for the inconvenience does not atone for the lost revenue through the gate and the even more harmful bad will.

Over 13,000 attended that replay with Chelsea, Hull's biggest gate for four years. . . 43 hours later just 3,003 attended their Fourth Division fixture with Torquay United. . . and so the Tigers remain an endangered species.



Grimsby points to productivity

Blundell Park the home of Grimsby Town Football Club is one of the oldest grounds in the Football League and yet the construction of a new 2,250 seater stand (pictured), which should be in use by mid-April, is the first major development on the site for 25 years, when the supporters built the Pontoon Stand.

The Mariners, mindful of the public requirements realised the need to provide more modern facilities if interest in the towns major sporting attraction was to be maintained and although they are far from being a wealthy club they have managed to cover the estimated £370,000 cost of this the first phase of the re-development programme.

Helped by a generous grant from the Football League's Ground Improvement Trust the balance has been generated by the club's commercial advisor Alec King, and includes a major sponsorship from Findus Ltd., the local frozen food specialists.

The firms managing director Mr. A.H. Coburn was quick to point out that his commercial association with the football club was more than just a community spirited gesture and said: "I can tell you that a successful football club provides a wonderful spin-off for industry. I have been a Grimsby Town supporter since 1947 — they were in the First Division then — so I have seen their ups and downs. But in the last three years they have enjoyed their share of success — and will again — and you can measure that success by the atmosphere in



our factories on a Monday morning. There is no question that a good result on a Saturday brings a feeling of happiness to this town and a happy atmosphere is the best one of all to work in."

The second and third phases of the new stand which incorporates the development of the indoor facilities will cost a further £400,000 and that will be designed to provide amenities not only for football but for community activities as well. Grimsby Town want to make Blundell Park the focal point of Cleethorpes, the centre of entertainment and sporting activity and as such develop a social bond between the football club and the community.

DEFLATED

COLOMBIA the designated venue for the 1986 World Cup Final tournament continues to suffer from uncontrolled violence. Television viewers all over Latin America saw a drunken spectator run onto the pitch during Colombia's 1-1 draw with Peru in their World Cup qualifying round, and punch the referee in the face.

It is now becoming quite common for match officials to be assaulted by players and fans and the blame for this spreading disease is attached to managers who are said to stop at nothing in order to win points.

At one game while an argument developed over a penalty award, a player unnoticed, punctured the ball with a needle. The ball deflated like a balloon during its flight from the penalty spot, providing the goalkeeper with an easy catch.

The Colombian image is unsuitable for the 1986 Finals claims a strong lobby from the Colombian Parliament who are clearly anxious to call off the proposed football festival which they estimate will cost the impoverished country something like 380 million dollars to stage. . . Brazil would seem to be the natural alternative.

Famous Clubs

BOLTON WANDERERS are currently enduring one of the less auspicious periods that have frequently punctuated their illustrious history, since becoming founder members of the Football League in 1888. Although the club can not claim any great achievements in terms of championships won, they have managed to stay the course for the majority of their time and spent just two seasons

outside the First and Second Division's.

It all started as a Sunday School enterprise in 1874 under the name Christ Church, but as the football side became more serious a rift between the committee and the vicar developed until the footballers were forced to leave the church premises. Having no base they became wanderers and in 1877 formed themselves into Bolton Wanderers Football Club.

A year later the Wanderers became founder members of the Lancashire Football Association, playing their home matches at Pike's Lane until 1895 when they transferred to Burnden.

However before that came about the club found itself in hot water with the authorities following an incident in 1883 when the referee was "hooted on the ground" and afterwards assaulted by unruly spectators. The FA recommended that the club be expelled from football but fortunately the case was dealt with by the County FA who were more sympathetic and so the Wanderers lived on.

DOWN AND UP

There were further brushes with authority to come when Bolton were suspected of fielding professionals. By chicanery they hoodwinked the investigating commission, but later admitted that they had wrongfully paid their players... However the outcome saw the acceptance of professionalism in 1885.

Three years later the Football League was launched with 12 clubs. Bolton started badly losing 6-3 at home to Derby although they gradually improved and finished the season in fifth position, having won 10 and drawn two of their 22 games, with 63 goals for and 59 against.

The following season's Bolton finished in ninth, fifth and then third place, the highest ranking in their history. They have since

equalled that achievement twice but the last occasion was the season of 1924-25.

The first major setback was suffered during the season of 1898-99 when despite thrashing Sunderland 6-1 they could muster only nine wins all season, and thus were relegated together with Sheffield Wednesday. Nevertheless both teams proved far too strong for the Second Division and bounced straight back up, Wednesday finishing top and Bolton second.

Relegated again in 1903 it took the Wanderers two seasons to reaffirm their status in the top flight and after three more seasons they faced the drop once again.

This time Bolton returned as Second Division Champions (1908-09), with the following record: P38, W24, D4, L10, F59, A28, Pts 52. The names of Gaskell, Robinson, Baverstock, Edmondson, Slater, Barber, Greenhalgh, Hagan, Hughes, Owen, McEwan, Stokes and Hunter were immortalised, they had won for Bolton their first major trophy.

Not that the club hadn't been close before, indeed they had already earned a feared reputation as Cup fighters and had played in two finals by that time. The first appearance was at Everton in 1894 when they met Notts County whose centreforward Logan netted a hat-trick in County's 4-1 win. In 1904 Bolton fared a little better against Manchester City at Crystal Palace, but again only collected runners-up medals having lost by a single goal.

The Cup was becoming a tradition and it was fitting that Bolton should feature in the first Wembley Final in 1923. What a day that was with an estimated 126,000 people thronging onto the pitch and the famous white horse clearing the playing area so that the game with West Ham United could commence...



NEIL WHATMORE —
scored 74 goals for
Bolton.

BOLTON WANDERERS



It certainly proved third time lucky for the Trotters, who this time made no mistake with goals from Jack and J. R. Smith clinching a fine 2-0 win.

Three years later Bolton were back at Wembley, this time with the chance to avenge former conquerers Manchester City. That man Jack got into the act once again and his lone goal did just that.

UP FOR THE CUP

Bolton were almost making it a habit to visit Wembley and in 1929 the famous shirts were there again to take on Portsmouth. Neither side had enjoyed a good season in the League but they put on a great show as Bolton won the Cup for the third time with a 2-0 victory. The goals came from Butler and Blackmore.



BRIAN KIDD — A former England striker.

YEAR FORMED: 1874

Turned Professional: 1880

Previous name: Christ Church FC until 1877

Trotters Role of Honour

Second Division Champions — 1908-09, 1977-78

Second Division Runners-up — 1899-1900, 1904-05, 1910-11, 1934-35

Third Division Champions — 1972-73

FA Cup Winners — 1923, 1926, 1929, 1958

FA Cup Runners-up — 1894, 1904, 1953

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1976-77	Neil Whatmore	25
1977-78	Neil Whatmore	19
1978-79	Frank Worthington	24
1979-80	Neil Whatmore	16
1980-81	Neil Whatmore	14

Managers since the war

Walter Rowley, Bill Ridding, Nat Lofthouse, Jimmy McIlroy, Jimmy Meadows, Nat Lofthouse, Jimmy Armfield, Ian Greaves, Stan Anderson and George Mulhall.

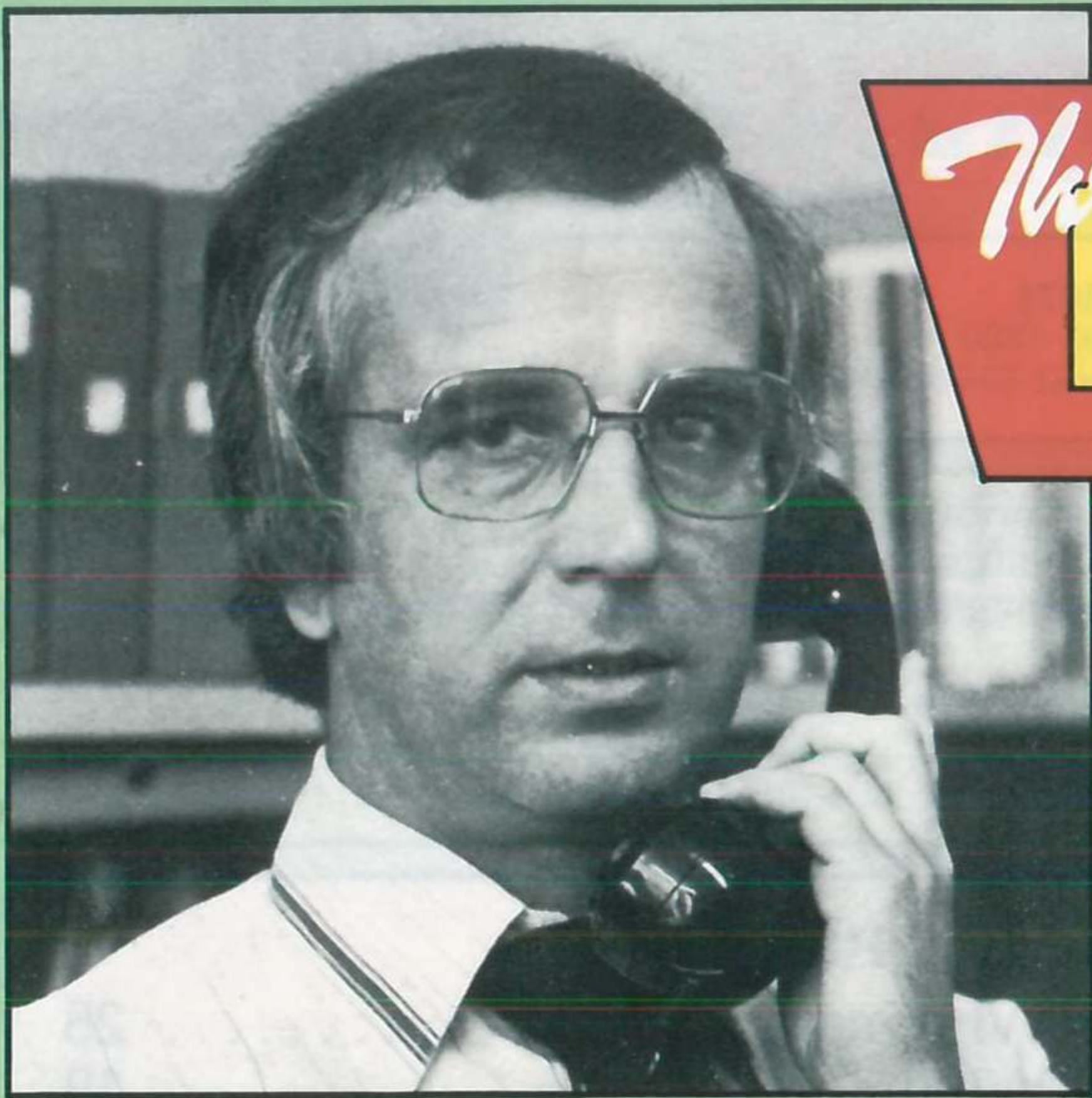
After all that glory Bolton slumbered in relative Cup obscurity until the old flame was rekindled in 1953. This game against Blackpool was to become another chapter in football folklore and was afterwards dubbed the 'Matthews Final.' It unfolded like a fictional tale with Bolton taking a sensational lead in two minutes through Nat Lofthouse. Early in the second-half Bolton were cruising to victory with further goals from Moir and Bell giving them a 3-1 lead but then Matthews inspired the most sensational Cup comeback in the history of the game... Bolton were beaten 4-3.

Five years later Manchester United provided the opposition to Bolton's home grown team. Once again it was a Final of incidence and Lofthouse's charge on United goalkeeper Harry Gregg remains one of the talking points of the Cup. The goal stood and Bolton won the

trophy once again 2-0.

Since then there have been many sterling battles against the likes of Liverpool, Newcastle and Arsenal as Bolton have reached the fifth round on five occasions, but in the league the club wandered off course during the seventies and found itself in the Third Division for the first time in 1971. It was the lowest ebb although promotion was quickly gained with the Third Division title in 1973 and progress was continued, culminating with the Second Division Championship in 1978. Alas Bolton could not cement their position in the First Division and slipped back down in 1980.

Now the battle is on to try and stop the downward trend spiraling, but it is a challenge they have become accustomed to over the years at Burnden Park. Bolton who helped create the Football League have found more fame in the FA Cup!



The PAUL PARISH page

TIMES THEY IS A CHANGING

The glow of satisfaction was enough to melt the snow. And it wasn't only because West Bromwich Albion had safely negotiated the first hurdle on what they, and their supporters, hoped might lead to the FA Cup Final and Wembley.

The winter slush was still thick on the ground outside the Hawthorns as smiling fans made their way home — talking about the fate of others as much as the success of their own side.

It wasn't really the fact that Birmingham had been pipped by Ipswich which induced the smiles. Neither was it the news from Molineux where Wolves cup interest had been summarily dismissed by Leeds.

No, it was the result from Watford, where the Second Division side had stripped the gloss from Manchester United with a one goal win, which reminded everyone what a superbly unpredictable competition the FA Cup can be.

One beaming Midlander summed it all up: "He left us to go to a club where they would win trophies. Wonder what he thinks now?"

He? Ron Atkinson, erstwhile manager of West Bromwich Albion and now supremo of the multi-million pound, multi-talented United squad.

Atkinson's defection still wrankles in these parts. The fact that his often larger than life presence — not to say shrewd management — had contributed much to the success of Albion over the last couple of years has been quickly forgotten.

Albion fans didn't like it — and, I suppose, you can appreciate their view. It wasn't just Atkinson. Remi Moses followed him and then, in a welter of controversy, Bryan Robson, too, made the trip to Old Trafford. It made him the most expensive player in British football, but £1.7 million — or whatever — didn't really appease the mass disappointment.

DISCONTENT

The club, themselves, weren't exactly enamoured by the dealings even though some £2 million had been accrued as a result of the transfer deals.

Man in the middle of all these developments was Ronnie Allen — a man you might suspect with blue

and white striped blood in his veins.

He was once an idol at the Hawthorns. A centre-forward of pace and reflex who often gave centre-halves three or four inches in height. . . and an awful lot of trouble.

It was 28 years ago, in 1954, when he fashioned his own piece of Albion history by scoring twice in an FA Cup Final win over Preston North End. Few who saw it will forget his coolness as he slotted home a penalty that brought Albion level at 2-2. The Preston goalkeeper, Thompson, got both hands to the ball but was beaten by Allen's power.

Allen was obviously the man for a crisis. And his subsequent dealings have shown the merit of his selection to take over the Albion reins.

He has coached in many parts of the world — including a successful spell at Bilbao, it should be said, where England are to play their World Cup matches. But in England it has really only been Albion who have demanded his attention.

Returning in such difficult circumstances he has achieved much in a short space of time and his judgement in the transfer market has been a real eye-opener.

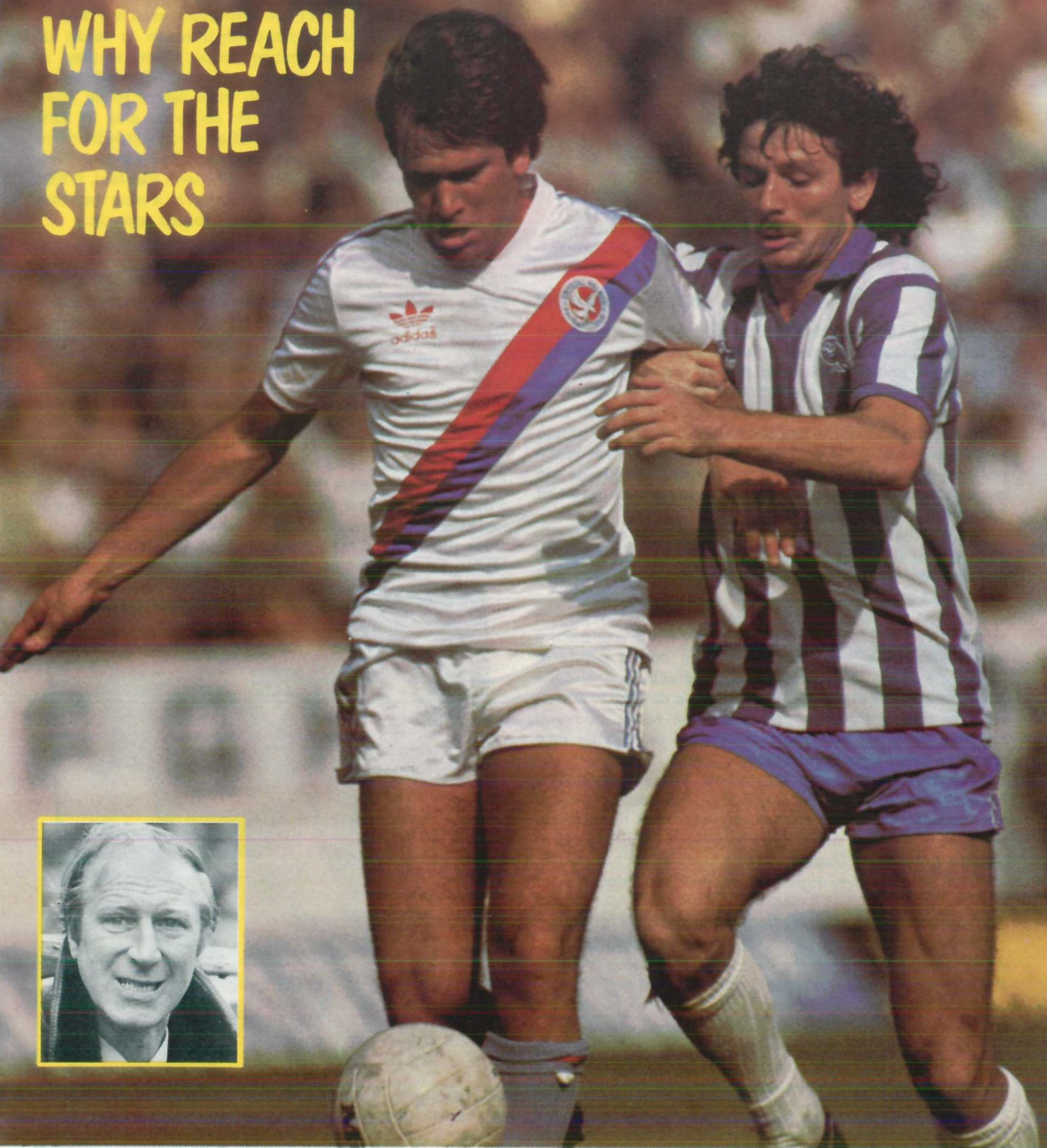
With the Atkinson-Robson-Moses furore blowing an icy blast of discontent through the West Midlands it was not surprising that Albion made a miserable start to the season. They found themselves precariously near the bottom of the table and were disappointingly shunted out of the UEFA Cup in double quick time.

But Allen was not going to be rushed into any hasty transfer activities. He had the money to spend but wasn't going to waste cash on players just for the sake of it.

Of the Albion side that had moved excitingly into Europe last season he had also lost the attacking skills of Peter Barnes — in addition to Robson and Moses.

Then Allen made his move. Visits to the continent were repaid with the signing of Martin Jol, a tall, commanding and tough midfield operator from Dutch club Twente Enschede.

WHY REACH FOR THE STARS



As League football struggles from one crisis to the next, and Managers fall by the wayside like tenpins in a bowling alley — victims of the success of others — Sheffield Wednesday boss, Jack Charlton spells out some home truths.

I talk to some directors of football clubs in the Third and Fourth Division's who have grandiose ideas of getting into the First Division, and I tell them that it is not fair to their manager to do that.

Those directors should be more realistic and set their managers a goal, a target to aim for. They should ask themselves where they honestly consider their clubs potential lies. If they consider it is as a good Second Division

club then they should tell their manager that if he establishes them in that position he has a job for life.

But what happens? When they get to the Second Division, those very same directors have bigger visions, dreams of playing in the First Division, of winning cups and trophies.

They are ideals which are not always realistic to the circumstances of the club because the outside influence such as crowd potential and such like are decisive.

The difference in the running costs of a First and Second Division club are staggering... I would estimate it is at least £500,000. So where do you get half-a-million quid on winning promotion? If you want to stay up then you have to buy players and the increased revenue through the gates will not cover that.

BRISTOL- CITY OF CRISIS

COLIN BENSON

WHEN BRISTOL CITY BOSS Bob Houghton suddenly quit at the beginning of the year, it was a stunning reminder of the pressure and frustration smothering the modern game.

Houghton had won international recognition only three short years ago when he led unfashionable Swedish club Malmö to the final of the European Cup. It was a fine tribute to his powers of leadership and coaching ability, yet in the pressure cooker atmosphere of the Football League he ran out of time and inspiration... life at the bottom of the Third Division proved too exacting.

One man who was shocked by Houghton's decision — although the City boss had confided in him a month earlier of his intention — was his assistant Roy Hodgson, who was then asked to take over the club on a temporary basis.

This sort of arrangement is very hard on the person stepping in but Roy had no qualms: "Oh no it was quite a logical step really" he exclaims: "I am only a caretaker manager anyway, that has been made perfectly clear and the club then advertised the vacancy. It was up to them to decide whether they wanted to perpetuate the status quo and continue the work Bob and I had started or whether they wanted a fresh approach altogether."

Consequently Hodgson was under tremendous strain, having come from within the existing organisation he could not expect the sort of latitude extended to a new appointment... here there was no extension given, success was expected to be instant.

"That is absolutely right" confirms Mr. Hodgson who continues: "But I made it clear to my Chairman that I did not dissociate myself in any way from what had gone on, in fact quite the opposite. I feel fairly proud in being associated with what Bob did. He turned the club around, certainly as far as the economics were concerned, and made big sacrifices.

DOUBLE EDGED

"Of course I was as appalled and disappointed as anybody that it all co-incided with a bad run of results which placed us at the wrong end of the table, but I still think we were working on the right lines. Given time — and when we started the Chairman did say it would be a three year programme — our way will bring success.

"The point that having taken over three months short of that half-way stage, I would be evaluated on the previous fifteen months is perfectly valid but it is a situation one has to accept and I made it clear that I was hoping to serve my contract out with the club.

"The Third Division is a very even competition and that is like a double edged sword. It means that there aren't any easy games and so you can not depend on any easy points to get out of trouble. On the other hand there is no need to be afraid of any side either, for we are just as likely to win points from the Chesterfield's of the world as the Wimbledon's.

"The critics suggest that the Third Division is a difficult division to play 'football' in but what is attractive football? What appeals to me might not be to your taste.

Undoubtedly from what I have seen this season the level of organisation, that is defensive organisation in terms of pressuring the ball and limiting people's time to play, is probably as great if not greater in the lower divisions than it is in the First Division. At the top there seems to be more respect paid to players and their ability to play in tight situations and therefore they are often given a little bit more room. There isn't much room given to players in the Third Division and we have to come to terms with that fact. If that means that there is less rolly polly football as it were then that is an unfortunate fact of life which is forced upon us.

CRISIS

"At Bristol our tactics have been dictated purely and simply by the players available plus a few basic philosophy's and it so happens that one of our basic principles is that you should try and restrict the amount of time and space opponents have on the ball. Otherwise they can destroy you with their skills."

Roy had no previous experience of management in this country although he was in charge of the Swedish club Halmstad for five years before joining Houghton at Bristol, and took them to a Swedish Championship triumph. However he concedes that "the Football League always has a magic ring about it and it is different, but the problems of management are much the same wherever you are."

He points out: "The Swedish First Division is a much higher standard than the English Third Division although the



GEOFF MERRICK — to be paid off

problems of coaching and dealing with players are basically the same. The job at Bristol for example is to coach and balance the team — organise them in such a way as to produce results from the resources available.

"There is no doubt about it, success on the field is the imperative factor for all football clubs because it is the only constant factor that one can base ideals on when it comes to attracting the public to your ground."

Roy Hodgson like all the rest will be judged on results... but he certainly can't have expected to find himself in the centre of a crisis which threatened to close the club's operation. With a £700,000 overdraft and losing a £1,000 a day Bristol City have simply run out of money, Roy Hodgson is certainly in at the deep end, as his club totters on the brink of extinction.

Earlier in this programme — on City Desk — there is a photograph of Greig Fantom and Mark Wallington.

Greig, of course, was the winner of our exclusive Junior Fox Club News competition and he enjoyed collecting his prize from Mark, his favourite player and the City skipper.

The final News of this season will be out sometime around the beginning of April and, as before, it will feature a fantastic competition.

★ ★ ★
A couple of first team squad players, aided and abetted by some of our younger lads, will be on hand once again at the next training session next Sunday 7th March.

These sessions at Belvoir Drive have gone from strength to strength and around 50 per cent of the total membership usually attend.

When you consider that a lot of members live a fair way away you will understand what a good effort that is and, naturally, we're delighted to see you all.

So that's a week tomorrow, the 7th, for the next popular training session and, remember, kick-off is 10 a.m.



★ ★ ★
Birthday greetings go to the following members: **Simon Mark Albert**, Birstall, a new member, who was 6 on Thursday; **Andrew Keith Mason**, Dishley, Loughborough who will be 2 tomorrow; **Richard David Rowe**, Melton Mowbray who will be 7 on Monday; **Jason Howlett**, Aylestone, Leicester who will be 8, also on Monday; **Gary Robert Bentley**, Swebstone, Leicester who will be 13 on the 2nd; **Mark King**, Western Park, Leicester who will be 11, also on the 2nd; **Peter Ward**, Silsden, Keighley, West Yorkshire who will be 10 on the 4th; **David James Thrower**, Oadby, Leicester who will be 9 on the 5th; **Stephen Burton**, Northampton who will be 11, also on the 5th.

PRE-MATCH PENALTY COMPETITION

The four teams taking part in this afternoon's Penalty Competition will bring the first round to a close.

We are slightly later than expected finishing the first round because of postponements and the pitch being unavailable etc., but we're sure you'll agree that the standard has been tremendously high up till now.

We have seen some expert penalty takers and we have seen, too, our fair share of excellent goalkeeping.

Obviously, some schools will be disappointed not to have gone further in the competition but we would like to say 'thanks' for taking part anyway.

So on to today's ties and we will see Vale of Catmose 'A' v Judgemeadow 'A' and St Paul's 'B' v Brookvale 'A'.

The first of those ties will take place in the permanent goal and the other in our temporary goal.

We do not have any names of those taking part this afternoon but give them the usual encouragement nevertheless.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

This week is surely going to be one of the most important in recent times for Leicester City.

We kick-off with another home League match this afternoon against Bolton Wanderers and then on Tuesday night we entertain Newcastle United here at Filbert Street. Kick-off against United is 7.45 p.m.

But those matches are vital to our continuing push for promotion and Arthur Cox and his team will provide us with just as difficult a game as we face against George Mulhall and his merry men today.

Then, of course, it's on to the FA Cup sixth round tie against Shrewsbury Town here next Saturday.

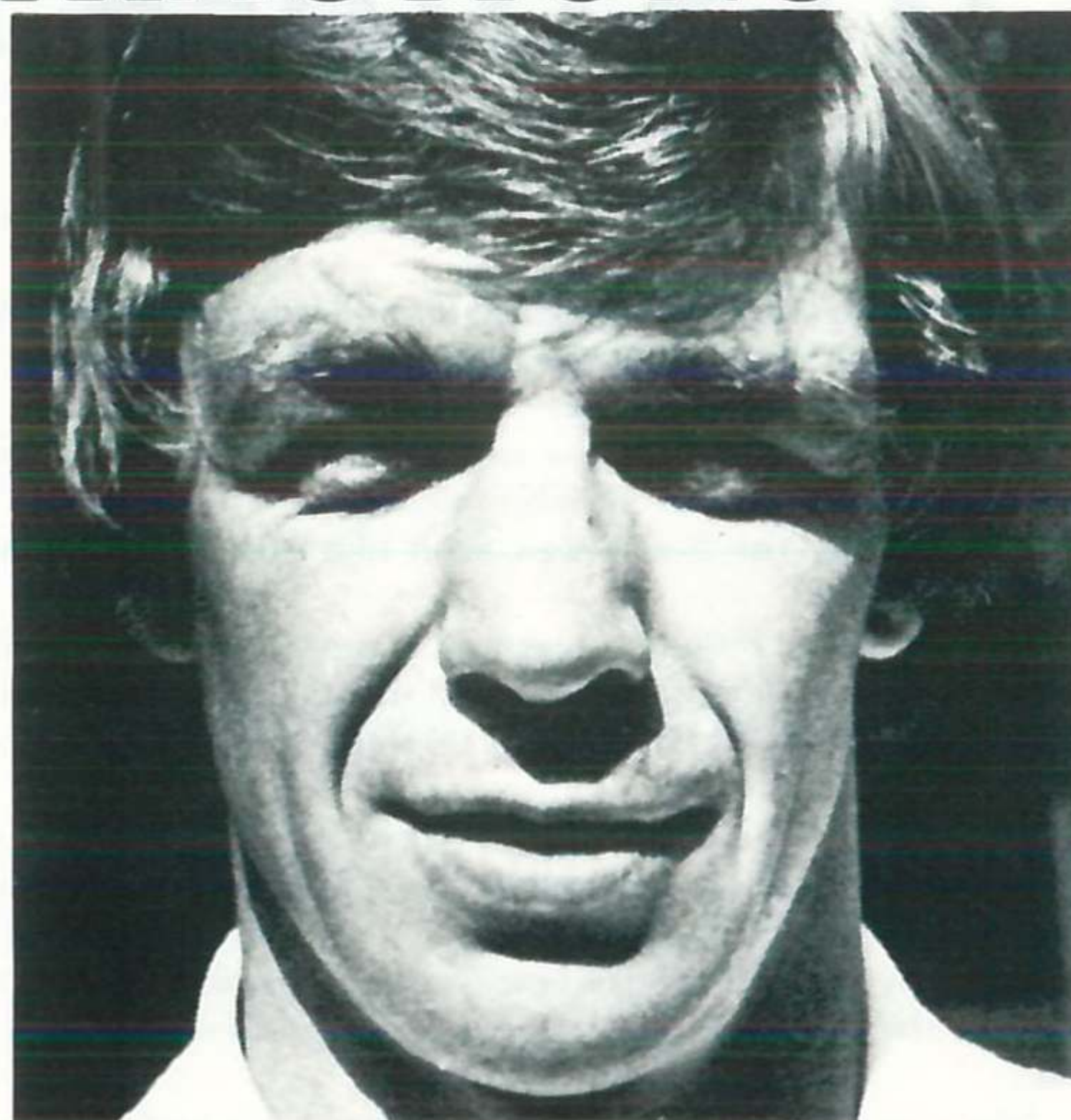
The atmosphere for that tie will be tremendous and with the target a place in the semi-final both teams will be going all-out for victory.

Graham Turner's team caused a real upset when they beat Ipswich Town in the last round and they will present a formidable obstacle to City's ambitions.

The same day as the first team are on duty here against Newcastle the Reserves make the lengthy journey to Ipswich for the Football Combination fixture against Town.

The Cup-tie, of course, has ruled out their home match against Tottenham next Saturday.

The Youth team have Birmingham City at home on Wednesday afternoon and travel to Wolverhampton on Saturday.



GRAHAM TURNER — Shrewsbury Manager



RESERVE REPORT

by Eddie May

We have had just one match since our last Report but I'm delighted to say it was overall a very pleasing performance.

We travelled to Crystal Palace and won 2-1 against a team that included people like David Price, David Giles, Steve Lovell and Ian Walsh.

We had to contend, too, with terrible conditions with rain and even flurries of snow throughout.

But I was pleased that we played football all the time and I think we set the pattern in the opening 15 minutes when we got a firm hold on the game.

In that spell we had three good chances with Dave Buchanan, Colin Bell and Kevin MacDonald all having shots saved or going just wide.

After that burst Palace got into the game a little bit more and in fact took the lead which they held until half-time. But even though we were a goal down I wasn't too concerned because we were playing well.

And in the second-half I felt we played our best football of the season. We tore Palace apart time and again and Keith Robson bent in a good free-kick to give us an equaliser after 55 minutes.

Robson then set Colin Bell up for a good header to put us in front and I don't think there would have been any complaints if we had added another couple because we were so much on top.

So overall a very good performance and one which kept our unbeaten run going. That is especially encouraging in view of the fact that our last three games have all been away.

YOUTH FOCUS

by Dave Richardson



We forced a 0-0 draw at Coventry last weekend and it's maybe a measure of our thinking now that we went there expecting to win whereas last season we were beaten twice.

It was an evenly-fought game and, as the scoreline suggests, defences were on top throughout.

Goalkeeper Ian Andrews did well for us and so too did young trialist centre-half Robert Turpin.

The only criticism might be that after they had a player sent off late on we didn't take full advantage.

Team: Andrews, Thomson, Sherwood, Kelly, Turpin, Rennie, Smith, Ford, Cliff, Bell, Saxby. Sub: Banton for Cliff.

During this week — school half-term — we have had various schoolboys in for coaching and training and, as always, it has proved beneficial.

There will be even more activity on those lines, of course, during the longer break over Easter.

Incidentally, we didn't publish the teams from the games against Peterborough and Swindon in our last Focus so here they are:

City v Peterborough:

Andrews, Thomson, Sherwood, Kelly, Rennie, Ash, Reynolds, Smith, Bell, Cliff, Harland. Sub: Saxby (not used).

City v Swindon:

Andrews, Thomson, Sherwood, Smith, Hannah, Rennie, Reynolds, Kelly, Bell, Cliff, Harland. Sub: Saxby for Harland.

CITY'S OTHER TEAM

City's Other Team this week features our first 'mother and daughter' partnership.

Betty and Bev Blackshaw both work in our Captains' Club Restaurant.

Betty has always lived in Leicester and is married to Fred. Apart from Bev they have two sons, Clinton (20) and Scott (14) and all the family still live at home.

Betty was originally in the tailoring business but followed that by becoming a registered baby minder.

'That meant the house was a bit like a nursery at times' she laughed.

Betty came to Filbert Street four years ago and her hobbies include, not surprisingly, sewing and also doing crosswords.

It wouldn't be fair to suggest, though, that she's better at sewing!

Daughter Bev went to Rushey Mead School and when she left worked in a chemists, a jewellers and a printing office where a typing diploma came in handy.

Then Bev won the Miss Leicester City beauty contest in 1975 and, in the best traditions of beauty competitions, it changed her life!

She was offered a job in the Captains' Club and has been here ever since!

Bev likes music, particularly Neil Diamond and Rod Stewart, and a local band called Press but we've a sneaking feeling that's only because boyfriend Tony Norris plays for them!

Other than music Bev likes to go to Villa Park of all places.

'I have a few friends who work for Aston Villa and I go over whenever possible,' she explained.



TODAY'S VISITORS

BOLTON WANDERERS

Bolton, who had a nightmare start to the season, have made enough of a recovery to suggest that they will provide City with a hard task this afternoon.

Forget the fact that City won 3-0 at Burnden Park earlier this season and forget, too, that Wanderers lost at home to Rotherham last Saturday.

They will provide the same stern opposition that we have been facing regularly at Filbert Street.

Manager George Mulhall has hauled his team away from the bottom of the table with some excellent results in the last few weeks.

They gained a good draw at Oldham recently and have beaten Charlton and Queens Park Rangers.

There is still a long way to go, of course, before relegation, promotion or any other issue is settled but Bolton must now be confident about the future.

So they come here today looking to improve on that previous encounter with City when Jim Melrose scored two goals and Alan Young got the other.

And one player in particular who will be flat out to impress everyone at Filbert Street will be former City full-back Steve Whitworth.

Steve signed for Wanderers from Sunderland for £25,000 back in October and is using his experience to good effect.

And on the subject of experience Bolton surely made a shrewd signing recently in the shape of defender Mike Doyle from Stoke. Doyle, who made something like 600 appearances for Manchester City and Stoke, has had an unfortunate start to his Burnden

Park career and will miss today through suspension. But he can obviously become a key figure.

Suspension and injuries, indeed, have hit Bolton hard and notable among the absentees from Wanderers' line-ups for the bulk of this season have been Peter Nicholson (broken wrist) and Peter Reid (broken leg).

Nicholson has actually been back playing for the Reserves recently and could figure today but Reid has only just resumed training. Both have undoubtedly been missed.

But this is something like the squad that will be on duty this afternoon.

JIM McDONAGH will be in goal. He is in his second spell with Bolton — broken by a season with Everton — and is a Republic of Ireland internationalist.

Number two is **STEVE WHITWORTH** whose qualities are well-known to City supporters.

Left-back could well be former England Youth international **MIKE BENNETT** who was born in Bolton and has come through the ranks.

In the absence of Doyle, the central defensive partnership is likely to be **PAUL JONES** and **GERRY McELHINNEY**.

Jones, who has also played at full-back, has been a member of both England Under-23 and full squads and has over 400 appearances to his credit for Wanderers.

McElhinney is a rival to our own John O'Neill for a place in the Northern Ireland defence and has been with the City player for the international against England this week.

TONY HENRY appeared for Manchester

We last met Bolton in October when City won 3-0 at Burnden Park.

Scorers that afternoon were Jim Melrose with two and Alan Young and the attendance was 7,361.

The teams on that occasion were:
Bolton: McDonagh, Jones, Bennett, Henry, McElhinney, Gowling, Chandler, Kidd, Thompson, Cantello, Hebberd. Sub: Thomas for McElhinney.

City: Wallington, Williams, Leet, Ramsey, Scott, O'Neill, Lineker, Melrose, Young, Robson, MacDonald. Sub: Lynex for Ramsey.

The Hebberd in the Bolton line-up, incidentally, was Trevor who also of course spent a month on loan from Southampton to City after his stint at Burnden Park.

City in last season's FA Cup Final and his versatility prompted Bolton to pay £125,000 for him.

Alongside him in midfield is skipper **LEN CANTELLO** who had a long and distinguished career with West Bromwich Albion. He cost Bolton a record £350,000 in June 1979.

Young Scot **DAVE HOGGAN** is making a name for himself following his arrival from Edinburgh. He made his debut in April 1980 and has gone on to win Scotland Under-21 recognition.

Completing the usual midfield quartet is another of this season's signings, **JEFF CHANDLER**, who signed from Leeds United the week before our match against Wanderers earlier this season.

Striker **WAYNE FOSTER** has been with the England Youth squad for the international against Scotland this week and looks a really outstanding prospect.

He has an experienced player helping him, though, in the shape of **ALAN GOWLING** who has had a stint at the back for Bolton this season but is currently operating up front where he originally made his name.

And that was the team which played last weekend but names who could come into contention following that disappointing home defeat are top scorer **CHRIS THOMPSON** who is another of the Burnden Park players to have appeared in the England Youth team, possibly Nicholson and **MIKE CARTER** who made his Wanderers debut a couple of years ago.

Back row (left to right): Mike Bennett, David Kay, Barry Taylor, Wayne Foster, Brian Atherton, John Thomas, David Hoggan.
Middle row: Charlie Wright (Coach), Peter Nightingale (Physio), Neil Berry, Chris Thompson, Peter Nicholson, Dennis Peacock, Simon Farnworth, Jim McDonagh, Gerry McElhinney, Paul Jones, Ian Brennan, George Mulhall (Manager), Walter Joyce (Coach).
Front row: Dusan Nikolic, Mike Carter, Alan Gowling, Len Cantello, Neil Whatmore (now Birmingham), Peter Reid.





HERE TODAY

MASCOT

This afternoon's mascot is Edward Paul Holmes of 19 Windsor Avenue, Glen Parva, Leicestershire.



He attends Parkland County Primary School and his favourite players are Jim Melrose and Alan Young (pictured).

Hobbies include football, Star Wars and pop music but he also enjoys collecting programmes and tells us that along with his dad and brother they have programmes dating back to 1946.

MATCH REFEREE

This afternoon's referee is Clifford Maskell of Cambridge who came through the Football Combination and was promoted to the full list in 1972. Before refereeing he played for two senior amateur clubs in London and also at a representative level for the RAF. He is married with two children and is a regional sales manager. Interests include tennis, golf and swimming.

MATCH BALL SPONSOR

Today's match ball is sponsored by Cross's Carpets of The Square, Glenfield, Leicester.

Cross's deal in all different types of carpets and have a first class reputation throughout the area.

Indeed, Cross's have a link with Leicester City having supplied our players with carpets over the years. A number of City stars have used Cross's . . . and no-one has been disappointed!

It's no surprise, in view of that association, to learn that the Cross family are all keen City supporters.

So if you want the best . . . go to Cross's in The Square, Glenfield. And the telephone number to remember is Leicester 879238.

OUR THANKS

City thank Brian Wright Sports of 67 Granby Street, Leicester, for providing the kit for today's mascot and also A. G. Kemble, Leicester Road, Wigston, for supplying the records played during the afternoon.

SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

ANY junior members interested in our five-a-side training sessions should go along to Belvoir Drive tomorrow morning at 10.30 a.m.

A few players will be there to help with the coaching and we'll hold a couple of matches.

Dads who come along with the youngsters can watch — there's plenty of room.

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WE have in stock most City programmes from 1966-67 onwards so if there are gaps in your collection why not pop into the shop in Burnmoor Street on matchdays or come along to the monthly programme collectors' meetings in the Fosse Bar.

And if you have any City programmes you want rid of from prior to 1966 we would be interested in buying them.

Contact Syd Lee in the shop or ring him on Leicester 763018 after 6.15 p.m.

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OUR Ladies Darts team followed City's example by beating a First Division team in the Cup! Hopefully, more success is on the way — for both the darts team and City!

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Memo to Leicester members — should next week's Cup-tie end in a draw coach bookings for the replay will be taken directly after the match in the Clubroom or in the Fosse Bar Sunday lunchtime and Monday evening.

In the event of City playing Chelsea on the Tuesday night coach bookings will be taken after the match.

Memo to Hinckley members — in the event of a draw members wishing to travel to the replay at Shrewsbury should contact Cliff Wainde on Hinckley 635625 before Saturday 6th March to receive information about travel and tickets.

In the event of City winning will all members wishing to travel to the semi-final please contact Cliff as soon as possible.

RE-ARRANGED FIXTURES

The Second Division fixture against Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park will now be played on Tuesday 27th April.

That match was originally postponed following both clubs' involvement in the FA Cup.

Remember, too, that City have a home Second Division fixture next Tuesday night 2nd March.

We play Newcastle United that evening. Kick-off will be 7.45 p.m.



Stuart Crooks

TALKS SHOP



YVETTE GETS INVOLVED WITH CITY

Our new Miss Leicester City, Yvette La Combe, has lost no time in getting involved in City's action.

Within days of being crowned she joined City's promotions team as a hospitality girl when Ind Coope sponsored the Leicester City v Derby County match.

Yvette also assisted us in the Stadium Suite when City were hosts to a group of Leicester businessmen and a trade delegation from North China who were in the area with a view of purchasing textile machinery from William Cotton Ltd., Belton Road, Loughborough. Congratulations Yvette for doing a fine job.

Our picture shows Yvette in action yet again making the Treasure Trail draw for City's next Take Your Pick competition in the Belvoir Suite on Thursday 11th March.

The lucky contestants drawn were as follows:

Mrs R. Envis, 236 Thurncourt Road, Leicester;
 Mr J. Ashton, 812 Melton Road, Thurmaston;
 Mr B. J. Jaldevi, 79 Mornington Street, Leicester;
 Mr B. Perry, 44 Castle Street, Whitwick, Nr. Coalville;
 Mr G. Woodley, 5 Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden, Essex;
 Mr A. Mansfield, 28 Sparkenhoe, Newbold Verdon;
 Mrs Ingram, 14 Lord Byron Street, Leicester;
 Mr A Warburton, 12 Dale Acre, Countesthorpe;
 Mr D. De-Haven, 620 Saffron Lane, Leicester;
 Mr J. Bayliss, The Holly Bush Inn, Main Street, Ashby Parva;
 Mrs B. Gregory, 81 New Parks Boulevard, News Parks Estate, Leicester;
 Mr S. O'Reilly, 51 Green Lane Road, Leicester.

The above twelve will be invited to select a lucky box number on the night to reveal which of our exciting prizes they have won, and included in the selection are a Music Centre, a Portable Television, Silver Plated Goblets on a Silver Plated Tray, a Radio/Cassette Recorder and a Luxury Luggage Set to mention but a few.

GOOD LUCK TO JOHN

City Lottery Representative John Smith recently parted company with us to commence a new career with NSS Newsagents. John and his bride-to-be Karen will shortly begin an NSS training course with a view to joining their management team. Best of luck for the future from all at Filbert Street, John.

CUP FEVER AFFECTS SOUVENIR SHOP

Our recent success in the FA Cup caused problems in the City Souvenir Shop . . . on this occasion good ones!

City supporters anxious to wear the club's colours made a bee-line for the shop and our shelves were soon empty.

As a result, we have been able to re-stock our Club Shop with many new items and our list below indicates a small variety.

Why not call in after today's match and see for yourself? If you cannot make it today then we are open 9-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, closing for half day on Thursdays. Lunch break is between 1.30 and 2.30 p.m.

WORLD CUP SOUVENIRS

Bulldog Bobby Stickers	30p
World Cup Printed Sweatshirts 30", 32", 40", 42" and 44"	£6.50 to £6.95
Fringed Pennants	95p
England World Cup Teddy	£10.95

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Presentation Pennant	£1.99
Ladies Baby Doll Sets	£4.95
Ladies Briefs	95p pair
Mens Briefs (Med. & Large)	£1.25 pair
Ladies Aprons	£2.50
New Club Ties (assort. colours)	£4.35
Sweatshirts 30", 32", 34", 38", 40", 42" and 44"	£7.45 to £8.95
Jumpers 30"-32", 34", 36", 38", 40" and 44"	£4.75 to £4.95
Individual Colour Player Portraits (Jim Melrose, Steve Lynex, Alan Young, Gary Lineker, etc.)	75p
Satin Cushions	£1.65
Rosettes	45p to 80p
Grip Bags	£7.25
Nylon Holdall Bags	£5.99
Printed Vertical Scarves	£2.20
Printed Bar Scarves	£2.10
Towels	£3.95
Mugs	95p
Printed Belts	50p
Programme Binder	£1.95
Assorted Badges	40p
Notepads	45p
Mirage Pens	55p

Keith Robson knows more about the ups and downs of Cup football than any other player at Filbert Street.

So it's interesting when he reckons that City could just go all the way to Wembley this season!

After all, Keith is talking from experience gained in Cup runs with both Newcastle United and West Ham United as well as countless League games for those clubs, Cardiff City and Norwich City.

'To do well in the Cup you must always have a little bit of luck and I reckon City have had some this season by being drawn at home three out of four times,' explained Keith.

'Any team I have been with which has had a run has always enjoyed a slice of good fortune — it's almost as important as being a good team!'

Keith's flirtation with Cup football began when he signed for Newcastle back in 1972.

'I never fully established myself in what was my local team because United's strikers in those days were John Tudor and Malcolm Macdonald and it was only when one of them was injured that I managed to get a game.

'But I did figure in the run that took them to Wembley in 1973-74 although that ended in the disaster of a 3-0 hammering from Liverpool.

'Then I moved on for around £80,000 to West Ham and I remember their run to the following year's Final.

'I played in all the rounds up to the semi-final and it was a great experience.

'We played Swindon at Upton Park in one of the rounds and I suppose they were a bit like Hereford were for us this season.

'It always promised to be a difficult match and we could only get a draw at home before beating them on their own patch.

Keith in high-flying action for City against Luton earlier this season.



HOME & AWAY

KEITH ROBSON

'The Saturday before the sixth round draw we played Arsenal in the League and got murdered 6-1 and, of course, followed that on the Monday by being drawn against the Gunners in the Cup!

'But we won the Cup match despite that earlier League score and that was us in the semis.

'It was at that point that I suffered an injury — a blood clot in my right leg — and as luck would have it I missed the semi and the Final when we beat Fulham.

'The following year we were involved in the European Cup-winners' Cup and I managed to get a few goals on our way to the Final of that tournament.

'That was another tremendous run and I scored in the Final but we lost 4-2 to Anderlecht in Brussels.'

So Keith does know a thing or two about Cup runs and he has also played his part in getting City to next week's sixth round.

He played at Hereford but suffered a nasty injury inside the first two minutes and eventually had to come off at half-time. Up till then, though, he had done a first class job.

'That injury came at a bad time because I was hoping to re-establish myself in the side.

'I played earlier in the season when we had quite a good run and I was hoping Hereford might be the start of another spell.'

But fate decided otherwise and although Keith has played a couple of games for the Reserves since returning it could be that the knee will require further investigation.

'I don't really know whether anything else will have to be done or not,' he admitted.

Away from the football front, though, Keith is likely to find plenty to do in the coming weeks.

He and his wife Karen are keeping their fingers crossed that they have finally sold their house in Norwich and are poised to move into another near Leicester.

'No doubt I'll be kept busy with the decorating and gardening once we do get settled in our own house again,' he said . . . but we don't think he really meant it!

Other than that there is the small matter — if you'll pardon the pun — of an addition to the family expected in June.

That definitely will keep him busy!

**And with wife Karen
in the Leicestershire countryside**



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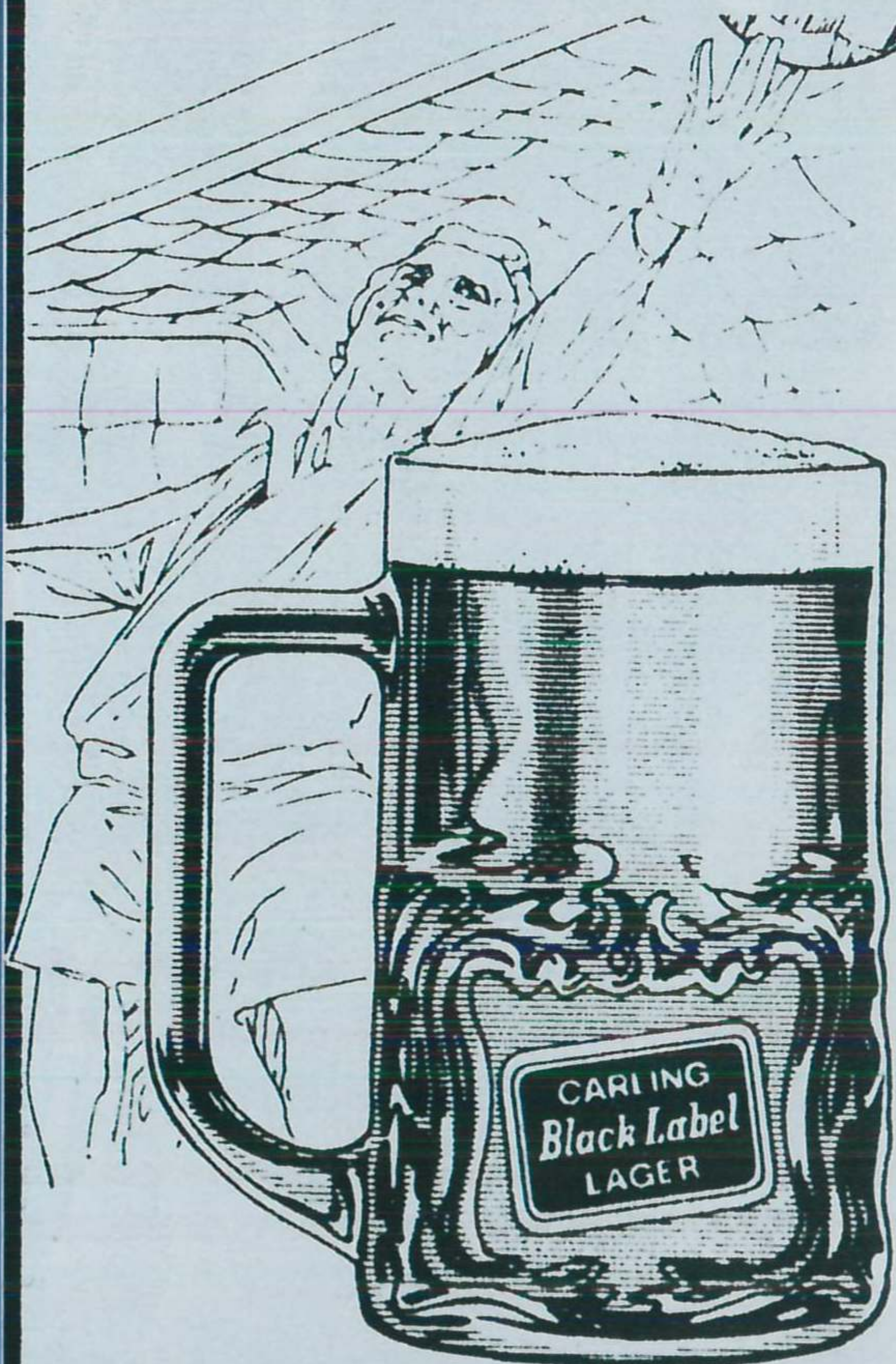
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CITY STATISTICS

DIVISION TWO TABLE 1981-82

	P	Home			Away			Pts
		W	D	L	W	D	L	
Luton Town	23	8	0	2	2	5	1	24
Watford	25	7	4	2	2	3	1	24
Oldham Athletic	28	7	7	4	6	3	3	15
Blackburn Rovers	28	7	2	4	5	3	5	15
Sheffield Wednesday	27	5	3	2	4	7	4	15
QPR	26	9	3	2	6	1	6	19
Newcastle United	25	10	2	1	7	2	7	17
Barnsley	26	7	3	2	5	3	8	17
Rotherham United	26	9	1	3	12	2	8	20
Chelsea	25	8	3	2	13	4	6	22
Charlton Athletic	28	7	3	3	14	2	6	20
Norwich City	27	8	3	3	24	3	9	24
Leicester City	22	5	4	2	13	8	4	15
Cambridge United	25	7	2	4	17	11	8	19
Orient	25	4	5	4	13	14	8	15
Derby County	26	6	4	2	19	13	11	35
Bolton Wanderers	26	6	2	6	18	19	2	17
Shrewsbury Town	23	6	3	3	17	13	1	20
Crystal Palace	22	6	1	4	13	9	6	9
Cardiff City	25	5	2	6	14	18	2	10
Grimsby Town	21	1	4	5	13	17	3	10
Wrexham	23	3	0	8	9	16	2	12

Up to and including Wednesday 24th February 1982

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Q.P.R.	26	19	2	5	59	25	40
Southampton	25	16	5	4	63	27	37
Norwich City	26	14	6	6	50	33	34
Watford	22	12	7	3	35	25	31
Ipswich Town	22	12	4	6	42	29	28
Tottenham	24	11	6	7	36	28	28
Luton Town	23	9	7	7	38	35	25
Plymouth	22	9	5	8	24	33	23
Chelsea	20	8	6	6	28	26	22
Arsenal	23	7	8	8	29	28	22
Leicester City	24	6	9	9	30	40	21
Birmingham	22	6	8	8	30	28	20
Fulham	17	5	7	5	26	21	17
West Ham	22	7	3	12	40	42	17
Reading	20	5	7	8	25	44	17
Swindon	22	5	6	11	28	41	16
Orient	23	4	6	13	22	40	14
Crystal Palace	23	6	2	15	27	50	14
Oxford United	23	4	3	16	26	46	11
Bristol Rovers	15	2	3	10	14	40	7

Up to and incl. Monday 22nd Feb. 1982

DIV. 2 APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS 1981-82

	App	FA/FLC	Gls
Friar	3	3	—
Gibson	8	1	—
Hamill	2	—	2
Hebbard	4	—	1
Kelly	5	2	—
Leet	10	3	—
Lineker	18(2)	6	9
Lynex	19(2)	7	6
MacDonald	11(1)	4	—
May	15	4	3
Melrose	14(3)	4(3)	8
O'Neill	22	7	1
Peake	13	4(1)	2
Ramsey	6	1	—
Robson	8	2	1
Scott	7	3	—
Smith	2(2)	2(1)	—
Wallington	22	7	—
Welsh	1(2)	—	1
Williams	22	7	—
Wilson	19	6	—
Young	11	4	3
Own Goals	—	—	2

COMBINATION APPEARANCES 1981-82

	App	Gls
Ash	1	—
Bell, Chris	5(1)	1
Bell, Colin	18	6
Buchanan	8	1
Cameron	2(2)	—
Cliff	2(2)	—
Crawford	—(1)	2
Culpin	7(6)	—
Currie	1	—
Drummond	2(1)	—
Dwyer	1	—
Friar	15(1)	1
Gibson	16	—
Grewcock	18(2)	5
Hamill	18(1)	1
Henderson	3	—
Hill	1(1)	—
Hodgson	6	—
Knowles	2	—
Leet	12	—
Lineker	2	—
Lynex	1	—
MacDonald	7	—
Mason	1	—
May	6	—
Melrose	1	—
Nicholl	1	—
Peake	4	—
Ramsey	15	3
Rennie	10	—
Robson	6	1
Saxby	3	—
Scott	11	—
Sherwood	3(1)	—
Smith	15	8
Thomson D.	7	—
Walker	24	—
Welsh	19	2
Wilson	1	—

DIV 2 HOT SHOTS	(including League Cup)
Stainrod (Q.P.R.)	18
White (Luton)	16
Aylott (Barnsley)	13
Bannister (Sheff. Wed.)	13
Garner (Blackburn)	13
Fern (Rotherham)	13
Heaton (Oldham)	13
Moore (Rotherham)	13
Varadi (Newcastle)	13
Wylde (Oldham)	13

AVERAGE ATTENDANCES	Best	Average
Sheffield Wed.	30,621	19,003(13)
Newcastle Utd	21,037	16,427(12)
Barnsley	28,870	15,874(11)
Chelsea	20,036	14,964(11)
Norwich City	19,348	14,120(14)
Leicester City	19,125	13,560(11)
Watford	22,580	12,979(13)
Q.P.R.	22,022	12,490(14)
Derby County	16,046	11,655(12)
Luton Town	12,839	10,611(10)
Crystal Palace	15,267	10,523(11)
Grimsby Town	13,110	8,995(10)
Rotherham Utd	18,324	8,556(13)
Blackburn Rovers	15,050	8,504(13)
Bolton	16,577	7,846(14)
Charlton Athletic	11,133	7,178(14)
Oldham Athletic	15,400	7,303(15)
Cardiff City	8,898	5,403(13)
Orient	9,698	5,219(12)
Cambridge Utd	8,806	5,031(13)
Shrewsbury	5,672	4,745(12)
Wrexham	4,907	4,089(11)

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO FIXTURES 1981-82	ATT. F.A.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1981-82
Aug. 29 Grimsby Town	11,032	Wallington	Williams	Gibson	Peake +	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Melrose ¹	Lineker ¹	Wilson	MacDonald	Smith	Aug. 29 Ipswich Town
Sept. 5 Wrexham	12,905	Wallington	Williams	Gibson	Peake	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Melrose	Lineker	Wilson	Hamill ¹	MacDonald	Sept. 1 Bristol Rovers
Sept. 8 Barnsley	15,447	Wallington	Williams	Gibson	Peake	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Melrose	Lineker	Wilson	Hamill ¹	—	Sept. 5 Plymouth Argyle
Sept. 12 Derby County	16,046	Wallington	Williams	Gibson	Peake	May	O'Neill	Lynex ¹	Melrose ¹	Young +	Wilson	Robson	Lineker	Sept. 12 Luton Town
Sept. 19 Luton Town	14,159	Wallington	Williams	Gibson	Peake	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Melrose	Lineker	Wilson	Robson	—	Sept. 16 Birmingham City
Sept. 22 Rotherham United	7,781	Wallington	Williams	Gibson	Peake	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Melrose	Young	Wilson	Robson	—	Sept. 19 Arsenal
Sept. 26 Blackburn Rovers	8,925	Wallington	Williams	Gibson	Ramsey	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Melrose ¹	Young	Wilson	MacDonald	Lineker ¹	Sept. 26 Crystal Palace
Oct. 3 Crystal Palace	12,558	Wallington	Williams	Gibson	Ramsey	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Melrose	Young	Wilson +	MacDonald	—	Sept. 30 Reading
Oct. 6 Preston North End (LC 2-1L)	5,382	Wallington	Williams	Gibson	Ramsey	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Melrose	Young	Smith	MacDonald	—	Oct. 3 Fulham
Oct. 10 Bolton Wanderers	7,361	Wallington	Williams	Leet	Ramsey +	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Melrose ²	Young	Robson	MacDonald	Lynex	Oct. 10 Swindon Town
Oct. 16 Chelsea	18,358	Wallington	Williams	Leet	Ramsey	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Melrose ¹	Young	MacDonald	Robson	—	Oct. 17 Tottenham Hotspur
Oct. 24 Queens Park Rangers	12,419	Wallington	Williams	Leet	Ramsey	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Melrose	Young	MacDonald	Robson	Lynex	Oct. 24 Bristol City
Oct. 28 Preston North End (LC 2-2L)	7,685	Wallington	Williams	Leet	MacDonald	May	O'Neill	Lynex ¹	Melrose ¹	Lineker	Wilson +	Robson ¹	—	Oct. 29 Queens Park R.
Oct. 31 Sheffield Wednesday	19,125	Wallington	Williams	Leet	MacDonald	May	O'Neill	Lynex ¹	Melrose	Lineker	Wilson	Robson	Peake	Nov. 7 Oxford United
Nov. 7 Charlton Athletic	7,304	Wallington	Williams	Leet	MacDonald	May	O'Neill	Lynex ¹	Melrose ¹	Lineker	Wilson	Robson	—	Nov. 14 Southampton
Nov. 11 Aston Villa (LC 3)	19,806	Wallington	Williams	Leet	MacDonald	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Melrose	Lineker	Wilson	Robson +	Welsh	Nov. 17 Orient
Nov. 14 Orient	11,733	Wallington	Williams	Leet	MacDonald	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Melrose +	Lineker	Wilson	Smith	—	Nov. 21 Watford
Nov. 21 Cardiff City	6,687	Wallington	Williams	Welsh ¹	Peake	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Smith	Lineker	Wilson	MacDonald	—	Nov. 25 Reading
Nov. 25 Aston Villa (LC 3R)	23,136	Wallington	Williams	Leet +	Peake	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Melrose	Lineker	Wilson	MacDonald	—	Nov. 28 West Ham United
Nov. 28 Cambridge United	9,524	Wallington	Williams	Leet	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex ¹	Melrose	Lineker	Wilson	MacDonald	Smith	Dec. 5 Southampton
Dec. 5 Norwich City	13,367	Wallington	Williams	Leet	Peake	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	M'Donald +	—	Dec. 9 Arsenal
Dec. 12 Watford	10,340	Wallington	Williams	Leet	Peake	May	O'Neill	Lynex ¹	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	Dec. 23 Norwich City
Dec. 28 Oldham Athletic	9,164	Wallington	Williams	Leet	Peake	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	Jan. 6 Luton Town
Jan. 2 Southampton (FAC 3)	20,589	Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	Jan. 10 Oxford United
Jan. 23 Hereford United (FAC 4)	10,602	Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	Feb. 10 Crystal Palace
Jan. 30 Luton Town	11,810	Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	Feb. 17 Swindon Town
Feb. 6 Derby County	14,132	Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	Mar. 2 Ipswich Town
Feb. 13 Watford (FAC 5)	27,991	Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	Mar. 20 Queens Park R.
Feb. 20 Blackburn Rovers	10,890	Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	Mar. 25 Chelsea
Feb. 27 Bolton Wanderers		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	Mar. 29 Plymouth Argyle
Mar. 2 Newcastle United		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	Apr. 3 Orient
Mar. 6 Shrewsbury (FAC 6)		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	Apr. 13 Birmingham City
Mar. 9 Chelsea (subject to FAC repl.)		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	Apr. 17 Watford
Mar. 13 Queens Park R. (LCF)		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	Apr. 19 Fulham
Mar. 17 Rotherham United		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	Apr. 24 West Ham United
Mar. 20 Sheffield Wednesday		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	May 5 Bristol Rovers
Mar. 27 Charlton Athletic		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	May 8 Chelsea
Mar. 30 Shrewsbury Town		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	May 15 Norwich City
Apr. 3 Orient (SF)		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	T.B.A. Tottenham
Apr. 10 Newcastle United		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	
Apr. 13 Oldham Athletic		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	
Apr. 17 Cardiff City		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	
Apr. 20 Wrexham		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	
Apr. 24 Cambridge United		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	
Apr. 27 Crystal Palace		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	
May 1 Norwich City		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	
May 4 Barnsley		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	
May 8 Watford		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	
May 12 Grimsby Town		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	
May 15 Shrewsbury Town		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	
May 22 FA Cup Final		Wallington	Williams	Friar	Peake ¹	May	O'Neill	Lynex +	Hebbard	Lineker	Wilson	Kelly	—	

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DIVISION TWO

Barnsley v Blackburn
Cambridge v Grimsby
Cardiff v Sheffield Wed.
Charlton v Shrewsbury
Derby v Newcastle

Luton v Oldham

Norwich City v QPR
Orient v Watford
Rotherham v Crystal Palace
Wrexham v Chelsea

DIVISION ONE

Aston Villa v Coventry
Nott'm Forest v Middlesbro'
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- 11 Chris THOMPSON
- 12

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